

INTRODUCTION

Purpose and Scope

This edition of the *Voting Assistance Guide* is designed to help the following persons participate in U.S. primary and general elections during 2006 and 2007 even though they may not be able to vote in person at the polls:

- Members of the U.S. Uniformed Services, which includes the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and the Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration;
- Members of the U.S. merchant marine;
- Family members of the above;
- U.S. Citizens residing outside the U.S.

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Using the Guide

Voting Assistance Officers and persons who provide assistance to citizens covered under the *Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA)* should first become familiar with this *Guide*, forms and available assistance and resources by reading Chapter 1 and 2.

Sources of Assistance

Absentee voting information in this printed *Guide* is current through August 2005. Procedures or primary election dates that change after publication will be updated through the Federal Voting Assistance Program's (FVAP) World Wide Web site at www.fvap.gov as they are received. These changes are also disseminated by voting news releases or the *Voting Information News* distributed to voting assistance personnel in all Federal government departments and agencies with voting assistance programs as well as volunteer organizations of U.S. citizens overseas. The same channels are used to disseminate information about special and other elections.

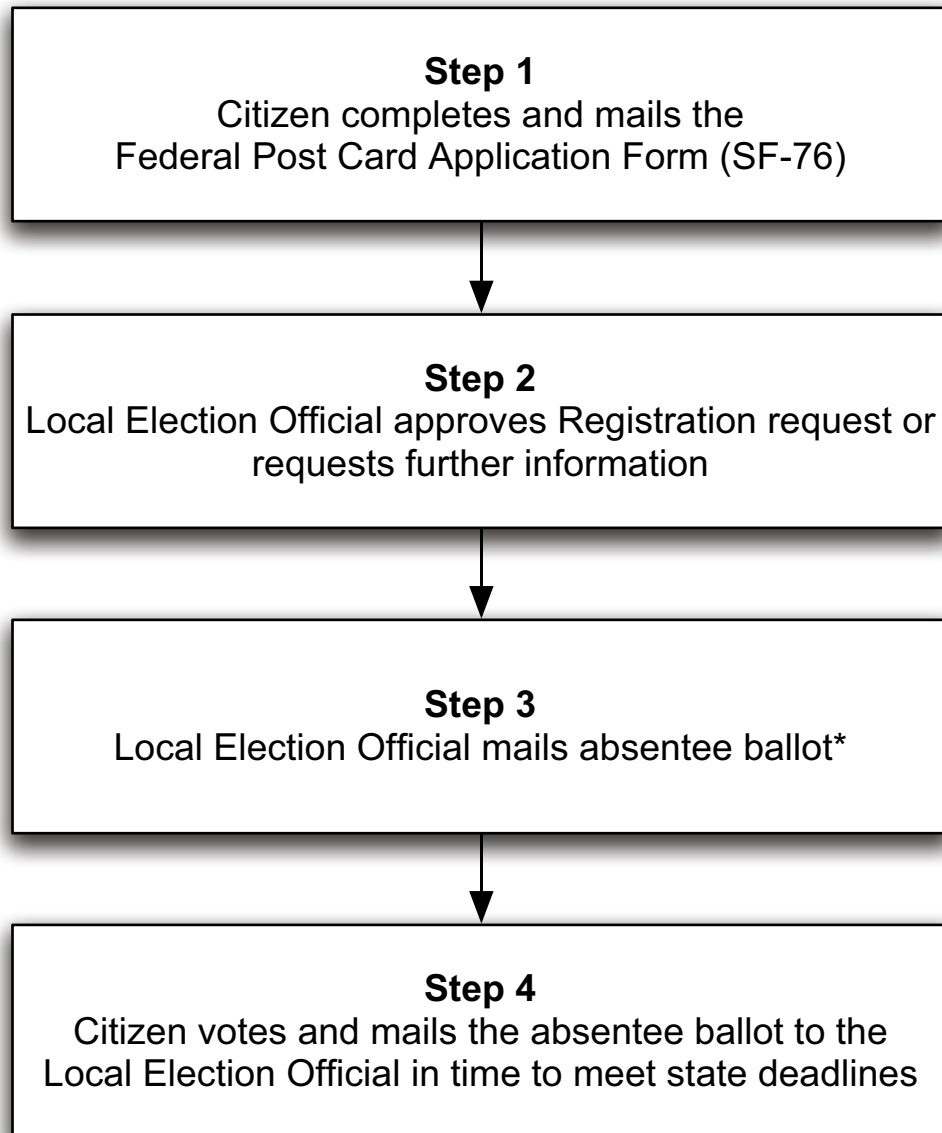
In addition, the Voting Information Center (VIC) provides a 24 hour recorded service with information on current and upcoming elections, and access to the office of incumbent U.S. Senators, U.S. Representatives, State Governors and State Chief Election Officials. The VIC telephone numbers are **1-800-438-8683**, **(703) 588-1343** or **DSN 425-1343**. The VIC can also be called toll-free from overseas on any of the numbers listed on the inside back cover.

Each Military Department, the Coast Guard, and the Department of State has a Voting Action Officer to assist installation and unit Voting Assistance Officers and Embassy/Consulate Voting Assistance Officers with any questions or problems they may have concerning voting.

The information in the table below will help you contact your Service Voting Action Officer. Please visit www.fvap.gov for updates to this information.

ARMY Mr. James Davis HQDA (TAPC-PDO-IP) ATTN: Army Voting Action Officer Hoffman Building #2, Room 3S49 200 Stovall Street Alexandria, VA 22332-0474 (703) 325-4530 DSN 221-4530 FAX (703) 325-4532 FAX DSN 221-4532 davisj@hoffman.army.mil	NAVY LT Dwight H. Isaacs Commander, Navy Installations ATTN: Voting Action Officer 5720 Integrity Drive, Bldg. 457 Millington, TN 38055-8600 1-866-U-ASK-NPC (827-5672) (select option 6 from menu) DSN 882-6636 FAX (901) 874-6825/6826 FAX DSN 882-6825 vote@navy.mil	AIR FORCE Mr. John Lowrance HQ APFC/DPFFOC 550 C Street, West, Suite 37 Randolph AFB, TX 78150 (210) 565-5000 1-800 616-3775 (Select options 1, then 1, then 2 from menu) DSN 665-5000 FAX (210) 565-2543 DSN FAX 665-2543 afpc/dpsfvotingpgmdlist@randolph.af.mil
MARINE CORPS Headquarters U.S. Marine Corps (MRP) 4 ATTN: Voting Action Officer 3280 Russell Road Quantico, VA 22134-5103 (703) 784-9513 DSN 278-9513 FAX (703) 784-9827 FAX DSN 278-9827 https://www.manpower.usmc.mil	COAST GUARD CWO Carol McFadden U.S. Coast Guard 2100 2nd Street S.W., Room 5500 Washington, D.C. 20593-0001 (202) 267-1652 FAX (202) 267-4823 cmcfadden@comdt.uscg.mil	DEPARTMENT OF STATE Mr. Jack Markey, Chief VAO Office of Overseas Citizens Services 2100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., 4th Floor Washington, D.C. 20037 (202) 736-4937 FAX (202) 647-6201 Markeyjd@state.gov Ms. Linda Hoover, Deputy VAO (202) 647-5435 Hooverlr@state.gov

THE BASIC ABSENTEE VOTING PROCESS



* In order to receive an absentee ballot in a timely manner, it is imperative for citizens to keep their local election official informed of address changes.